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ICE REMOVES 10 AGGRAVATED FELONS TO MEXICO

Drug traffickers, alien smugglers among nearly 400 deported from El Paso since Oct. 1

EL PASO, Texas—Ten aggravated felons, including three who have served more than 10 years in U.S. federal prisons, were deported today by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Detention and Removal (DRO).

Nearly 400 aggravated felons have returned to Mexico since the beginning of the fiscal year after ICE DRO officers identified the criminal aliens in the federal prison system nationwide. The effort is part of DRO's Institutional Repatriation Program.

ICE DRO officers identify aggravated felons as part of their routine checks of foreign-born criminal aliens serving time in Bureau of Prison facilities nationwide.

"These prison checks help protect the American public by ensuring that criminal aliens aren't released back into our communities after they complete their sentences," said ICE El Paso Field Office Director Robert Jolicoeur. "Criminal aliens pose a threat to public safety and are among ICE's highest priorities within its mission to enforce the nation's immigration laws."



Antonio Miranda-Chaires

The El Paso DRO Field Office detains and departs illegal aliens for many ICE offices in the country.

All but one of the 10 Mexican nationals being deported was in the country illegally when they were arrested. One was a permanent resident who became deportable after his felony conviction. The convicted felons, who all have final orders of removal, are being sent to El Paso to be turned over to Mexican authorities at the Paso Del Norte Port of Entry.

They have all served at least 85 percent of their prison sentences.

Following are the aggravated felons removed Friday, their convictions and sentences:

1. Hector Ochoa-Garza, 33, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, (60 months)
2. Augustin Morales-Vega, 47, two counts of transportation of illegal aliens, (18 months)
3. Antonio Miranda-Chaires, 58, possession with intent to distribute more than one (1) kilogram of heroin (144 months)
4. Enrique Cruz-Calderon, 45, conspiracy to possess methamphetamine with intent to distribute, and possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, (120 months)
5. Genaro Garcia-Rodriguez, 33, aiding and abetting possession with intent to distribute marijuana, (30 months)
6. Jose Guadalupe Cisneros-Andrade, 51, illegal re-entry after deportation, (30 months)
7. Norberto Medina-Lopez, 23, three counts of conspiracy to distribute a controlled substance, (37 months)
8. Domingo Ernesto Hernandez-Almanza, 33, three counts of importation of methamphetamine, (30 months)
9. Rafael Rubalcava-Hernandez, 33, possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, and two counts of aiding and abetting, (121 months)
10. Eduardo Arriaga-Garcia, 35, conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute in excess of 1,000 kilograms of marijuana, and possession with intent to distribute about 1,436 lbs. o marijuana, (85 months)

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities